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TO Chief, WE

DATE 26 November 1956

FROM [ ]

Info: Chief, SR

SUBJECT GENERAL  
SPECIFIC

REXWOOD/TIEBART  
Debriefing of Arthur TAMVELIUS

REFERENCE: OSSW-4368, 1 November 1956

HEADQUARTERS ACTION REQUESTED: For information and appropriate action  
per paragraph 6

1. Reference dispatch has been received and the station accepts  
responsibility for failure to catch this newspaper article when it first  
appeared, and take appropriate action.

2. There are, however, two points which we feel worthwhile to bring  
to headquarters attention, and particularly those officers in SR who have  
occasion to originate dispatches for [ ]. The first concerns newspaper  
coverage in general. There are over 100 morning dailies plus at least three  
afternoon papers published in Stockholm. Although station personnel attempt  
to keep current on world and Swedish events, complete and systematic coverage  
of all newspapers is not considered practicable with the current workload  
assumed by each officer. NY DAG, the Communist daily, is the only paper to  
receive specific attention within the station, and the reason therefor is  
as a source for REDSKIN leads. A certain amount of press coverage has been  
furnished by Kiser in the past and will be assumed by [ ] and  
[ ] in the future; unfortunately these individuals are as apt to overlook  
an occasional item of importance to the station as are the station officers  
themselves. The above is in no way intended as an excuse, but simply as a  
statement of station policy and procedure which may not be completely under-  
stood at headquarters.

3. The second point is far more basic. Reference dispatch asked the  
station to ask the "liaison services" for a copy of "their debriefing reports."  
To the knowledge of the undersigned, never in the two years he has been in  
[ ] has either of the liaison services given Kiser a copy of an  
unpublished debriefing report. On occasions the TIEBART, i.e., TIEBART or  
TIEBART/11 personally would say that the majority of the information in a  
certain report came from a certain refugee, but Kiser receives only the

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TIEBARS' finished intelligence disseminations - i.e. Swedish equivalent of KUBARK's SOUB, and the source is seldom if ever described, let alone identified. In the case of the [ ] the situation is such that rarely does KUBARK receive anything in writing from that service. We assume that the author of reference was trying to make the headquarters request as simple as possible for the liaison services to fulfill and we do not intend any criticism of this. However, the request struck the undersigned as impossible of fulfillment, and showed what can only be assumed as such ignorance of the liaison situation in Stockholm as to warrant station comment. A corollary to the above is headquarters use of "liaison services." Here again we assume its use, rather than a specific service, was intended to give the station greater freedom of action, and cover every eventuality. If headquarters means positive debriefing on the USSR, and we assumed this to be the case, then only the TIEBARS would have such information. This is always the case because of the fundamental and complete difference in responsibility between the two services.

4. We believe that all of the above information has been previously reported, and should be available, yet, the effect of reference dispatch has been to make us wonder if the files are consulted...

5. TAMVELIUS was discussed with TIEBAR/20 on 19 November. T/20 said (as did the newspaper article) that the Foreign Office originally hoped that TAMVELIUS could give news of RAOUL WALLENBERG. This has not been the case, according to T/20, although he said the Foreign Office is still in touch with the man. T/20 went on to say that he was not sure how important a source subject was since he had only been in the VORUTA labor camp system the entire 15 years. He added that subject had been a building engineer, had risen quite high in the camp administration system and had traveled around extensively within the Vorkuta area. Because of Foreign Office interest, he recommended that any debriefing be done through his service rather than by direct contact.

6. If headquarters feels that TAMVELIUS has important intelligence potential, we suggest that specific requirements be forwarded to the station for passing to the TIEBARS. We will raise the subject again with TIEBAR/20 as the occasion permits in an attempt to identify any positive reports already received which may have already come from this source.

7. We have answered reference dispatch in some detail, although we are fully aware that it is an isolated case, because it has given us the opportunity to report our capabilities, per paragraph 2, and to redefine, per paragraph 3, the differences between the TIEBARS and the [ ]. And, although a very small point in the overall scheme of things, those liaison officers who work with liaison (and report thereon) appreciate (perhaps unduly) those dispatches from headquarters which reflect some knowledge of the local scene by originator.

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